



Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) - Strategic Plan Implementation Coordination of Primary and Behavioral Health, and Wraparound Services

Workgroup #3 DRAFT MINUTES March 14, 2016

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located At:

4126 Technology Way,
Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV 89706

1. **Introductions, Roll Call, and Announcements:**

Mr. McMahon called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He noted that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Michael McMahon
Elizabeth Aiello
Ellen Richardson-Adams
Kelly Marschall
Tony Ramirez

Others Present

Gina Byrge
Jessica Flood
Sarah Yeats Patrick
Sheila Leslie

Staff Present

Sara Weaver

There were no members absent.

2. **Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

3. **Review and Approve February 8, 2016, Minutes:**

Mr. Ramirez moved to approve the minutes. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. **Updates from Previous Meeting:**

Ms. Aiello gave the update on the draft Budget Concept Paper. She noted that she gave a comprehensive update during the ICH meeting of March 10. Ms. Aiello stated that there was ongoing work on the Budget Concept Paper. She stated that Nevada Medicaid had received technical assistance (TA) from CMS [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services]; the TA is referred to as an "Innovator Accelerator Program" for Medicaid-funded housing initiatives. Ms. Aiello stated it was determined that room and board was not a payable service.

Ms. Aiello stated there was still outstanding work to be done including identification of what the caseload and the utilization would be to determine the impact of costs related to the State General Fund. In addition, Ms. Aiello stated that during the ICH meeting, there was discussion on the best way to

move forward on the Budget Concept Paper. She stated that, although it could be moved through Nevada Medicaid, there were already many priorities from many stakeholders yet to be considered. She reminded attendees that Nevada Medicaid developed the Budget Concept Paper at the request of the ICH as part of its strategic plan. In addition, Ms. Aiello stated that Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson indicated he could work with the Legislative Counsel Bureau if necessary.

Ms. Aiello stated that a group of Nevada Medicaid staff would be traveling to Washington D.C. in early May for training in the Innovator Accelerator Program. At that time, CMS would share lessons learned from other states and give instruction on Medicaid's ability to provide related services.

Ms. Marschall indicated there was a State program that could be used as the template for Ms. Aiello to use for the Budget Concept Paper. Ms. Marschall advised using the VIVO project of the CABHI Supplemental Grant. Mr. Ramirez asked if parties had the information they needed to proceed. Ms. Byrge stated that she was in the process of identifying exact populations, ideas about service delivery, etc. Ms. Byrge indicated that a good foundation was laid and progress was being made. She indicated that much of the information would be added to the draft Budget Concept Paper.

Mr. McMahon gave the update on Governor Sandoval's Behavioral Health Commission, Super User Project. He indicated that, since Dr. Green's departure, he reached out to Vicki Kinnikin, Chair of the Behavioral Health Advisory Commission, to discuss the Super User Project. In addition, Mr. McMahon stated that Sheila Leslie suggested Supportive Employment be involved as one of the components of the Budget Concept Paper. Mr. McMahon stated he was not able to make contact with Ms. Kinnikin, but would make an effort to do so before the next Workgroup meeting.

5. Review and Discuss Case Management Services Needed:

Mr. McMahon stated that there was an effort to identify the title of a prospective position. Ms. Byrge stated the position would be for a "Care Coordinator" rather than a Case Manager. This would allow the initiative to avoid any barriers from federal regulations or federal requirements regarding case management activities under Medicaid. In addition, Ms. Byrge stated that there would be a "Housing Navigator" position. Ms. Aiello suggested that Ms. Byrge submit the job descriptions to CMS and CMS would provide the appropriate title. Mr. Ramirez asked what the qualifications were for a Care Coordinator versus the Case Manager. Mr. McMahon replied that the qualifications would be dependent upon what CMS would approve and what would come out of internal discussions. One of the evidence-based practices is to use peer-to-peer supports, which would be an additional dynamic. Ms. Aiello added that an important aspect is to develop a clear definition of what we are trying to accomplish in Nevada, and CMS will approve and provide guidance on how to proceed.

Mr. McMahon offered to work with Ms. Byrge and a representative from Clark County to send skeleton job descriptions to the CABHI providers for the care coordinator and the housing navigator, and ask them to fill in the gaps. Once feedback has been received it can be considered further internally.

6. Review Workgroup Critical Issues and Goals:

Mr. McMahon mentioned Strategy 3.1.3, which is to apply for social innovation funds on a statewide basis to support wraparound services. It is an initiative on how to further secure long-term support funding of wraparound services. Medicaid and private insurance are part of that picture, together with what can be identified through social innovation funds. Mr. McMahon has identified a national group that provides TA on how to apply for funding, especially as related to housing. There will be an opportunity in two months to apply for the next cohort of states for TA. Mr. McMahon explained that the Division of Public and Behavioral Health would be the applicant on behalf of the ICH. It would be a statewide initiative to include all those entities involved with the Council.

7. Review Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

The Workgroup regularly meets the second Monday of every month. The next meeting will be April 11 at 10:00 a.m.

8. **Discussion on Workgroup Assignments and Needed Expertise:**

Sheila Leslie and Jessica Flood are two who have offered their expertise that will move the work forward. Ms. Aiello and Ms. Marschall are involved in the H2 Project. Ms. Marschall added that Clark County Social Services is the direct recipient of the TA for H2. She expressed it would be helpful to have a representative from Clark County who works closely with H2 to provide input along with Ms. Michele Fuller-Hallauer who is active with the Continuum of Care.

Mr. Ramirez moved to request that the workgroup be expanded to include Ms. Leslie and a representative from Clark County Social Services. Ms. Aiello seconded, and the motion carried.

9. **Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

10. **Adjournment:**

Mr. McMahon adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.